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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 08/29/2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 08/29/2006 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Drawings** are reflected in the clean and marked-up versions in Appendix A of this paper.